

III. Remarks

Claims 1-51 and 90-108 are pending.

Attached is a new declaration in response to the examiner's requirement.

Also attached is a terminal disclaimer that overcomes the rejection of claims 44, 48, and 51 based on U.S. patent application No. 10/930,058 and overcomes the rejection of claim 93 based on U.S. patent application No. 11/267,892.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-51 and 90-108 are in condition for allowance and an early formal notice thereof is requested.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

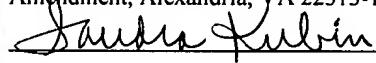

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